

SARA II QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT
October 1 – December 31, 2001

This report covers the first quarter of FY 2002, namely, the period October 1 – December 31, 2001. It follows the SARA FY 02 work plan for the period October 1, 2001 – September 30, 2002.

SARA II is a service project. As such, it is responsive to the Africa region's needs, and USAID and REDSO requests channeled through AFR/SD/HRD, so additional activities may gain priority from time to time as discussed in the Work Plan.

Activities as found in the work plan are listed in bold.

SO 18: Adopt policies and strategies for increased sustainability, efficiency and equity of basic education services

1. Assist the AFR/SD/HRD SO 18 team

- **Participate in SO 18 core team meetings**
- **Assist in the implementn of the research agenda**
- **Assist team in annual reporting;**
- **Assist in revising the new educ framework**
- **Assist in disseminating information on key issues**

Expected Outputs:

- Weekly team meetings attended
- Study on NGOs produced
- Community school review produced
- Annual reporting reviewed
- Presentations on key education issues or findings made

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Studies on NGOs and basic education in Africa were finalized. They include a comparative analysis across 4 countries, and 2 country-specific reports, Mali and Guinea, which were also finalized. Malawi and Ethiopia reports are scheduled to be finalized in January 2002. Monitoring reports were sent to the study's advisory groups in the US and in the 4 African countries.

The draft community school review was sent out for comments and is expected to be published in February - March 2002.

A new approach for the strategic framework was drafted during the training in performance management that Dr. Yolande Miller-Grandvaux, SARA Basic Education Advisor, attended in December.

SARA staff participate in all SO 18 weekly meetings.

Assistance was also provided to SD in drafting strategies for a new presidential initiative as well as a new education program in Sudan.

2. Support ADEA working group by participating in ADEA teacher working group meetings

Expected Outputs:

- Report on proceedings

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

3. Promote knowledge and guidance of priority issues in research and analysis and professional settings:

- **Participate in CIES**
- **Participate in NGO conferences**
- **Support presentation of NGO case studies in African for a**
- **Participate in USAID/SD/ED biannual exchange in Africa**

Expected Outputs:

- Presentation made at CIES on NGO study & community schools
- Africa Liaison Program Initiative conference in Africa or UNESCO collective consultation on NGOs conference attended
- NGO findings in education forums in Africa presented by 3 African researchers
- BEE organized & panels set up

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

A proposal to present the findings at the 2002 CIES conference was drafted and accepted. Due to the travel freeze in the aftermath of events of September 11, 2001, no conferences were attended this quarter. Dr. Yolande Miller-Grandvaux is in charge of the design and implementation of the “Alternative Education” stream of the 2002 Basic Education Exchange: a draft was produced and proposed this quarter. She also prepared a panel with USAID missions on the role of NGOs in education at the BEE.

4. Provide knowledge and guidance on role and responsibilities of NGOs in education as part of the SD/Ed Analytic Agenda

- **Disseminate to missions, policy-makers, NGOs**
- **Prepare for consultative meeting and participation in other discussion for a**

Expected Outputs:

- Study finalized & documentation completed
- Findings disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Studies were finalized and an advisory group meeting is scheduled for January 2002. A dissemination plan was drafted.

5. Produce a road map to help missions who want to partner with NGOs in education

Expected Outputs:

- Power-point presentation on strategies & lessons learned in partnerships with NGOs in education

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Activity is planned for first quarter of 2002.

6. Support travel costs of ERNWACA regional coordinator & institutional building costs to ERNWACA

Expected Outputs:

- Contacts established between Regional Coordinator & national coordinators & donors

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Assistance has been provided to the new Regional Coordinator in the areas of small grant research design and implementation, network communication, and the creation of new ERNWACA chapters. The small grant program was launched in November 2001, and an ERNWACA brochure and website were developed and finalized. The ERNWACA Regional Coordinator attended the ADEA meeting in October 2001. A steering committee for ERNWACA was put in place, as well as a scientific committee. A new chapter was created in Nigeria and others were revitalized. A regional strategic planning meeting is planned for February 2002. Negotiations with private sector partners were conducted and new funding was obtained from University of Quebec in Montreal.

7. ERNWACA Transnational Study Document (English & French)

Expected Outputs:

- Document produced & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The transnational studies were formatted in both languages. The documents were copy -edited one more time and changes are being made. These documents will be printed and disseminated in the next quarter. The final printed book is expected by February 2002.

8. Assist AFR/SD/HRD in providing backstopping to Mali USAID mission:

- **Follow-up education policy agenda;**
- **Provide TA when needed;**
- **Monitor activities & assist in developing strategies on a regular basis**

Expected Outputs:

- Education policy strategy updated & monitored
- TA provided.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

On-going technical assistance has been provided for the design of the country strategic plan. Dr. Yolande Miller-Grandvaux assisted the SD TDY team in preparing for their mission at the USAID mission in Bamako.

9. Promote knowledge & guidance on education in countries in crisis:

- Identify priority issues & concepts through discussions with partners
- Draft strategic options for interventions & follow up

Expected Outputs:

- Discussions/forum held with partners
- Issues & concept paper produced

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

As member of the Education in Countries in Crisis sub-team, Dr. Yolande Miller-Grandvaux helped organize, and then facilitated an internal USAID forum to identify key issues and type and level of commitment in the area of education countries in crisis. This forum was held in October.

10. Conduct synthesis of lessons learned from life skills & non-formal HIV/AIDS evaluations

Expected Outputs:

- Synthesis produced & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This study is in progress and should be completed next quarter. Communication issues delayed start-up considerably in spite of SARA pressure on the consultants.

11. Conduct a literature review of community schools in Africa:

- Produce a matrix listing models of community schools in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Literature review finalized

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The review was disseminated for comments and information gaps were filled. The final product is expected February – March 2002.

12. Conduct a cross –country evaluation of quality of education in community schools:

- Share findings with donors & stakeholders in countries

Expected Outputs:

- Evaluation conducted
- Findings presented & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This activity depends on the end of the community school review and NGO study. But cost may be an issue.

13. Assist AFR/SD/HRD in providing backstopping to Benin or other USAID mission:

- Provide TA when needed

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

On-going communication with Benin has taken place.

14. Conduct NGO in education study in South Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Study implemented & finalized

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Discussions with the USAID mission were successfully conducted and a South African research institution identified. Implementation of the study will take place in the 2nd and 3rd quarters of 2002.

SO 19: Adoption of policies and strategies for increased sustainability, quality, efficiency and equity of health services

Technical Area: **Household and Community Approaches to Child Health**

1. Assist AFR/SD/HRD with issue identification, portfolio management & evaluation

Expected Outputs:

- Meetings with AFR/SD/HRD staff organized
- Core Group meetings organized, expert advice provided
- M & E system functioning
- Results packages updated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Youssef Tawfik, SARA Senior Child Survival Advisor, and Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones, SARA Project Director, met regularly with AFR/SD/HRD staff to review core group activities, including C-IMCI. Dr. Prysor-Jones attended meetings at MEDS this quarter and contributed to the development of the USAID strategy to coordinate its inputs and accelerate Community IMCI, 3 Partnerships with Missions.

2. Assist partners in following up on the recommendations of the Joint USAID-DFID review of IMCI in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- USAID –DFID Report disseminated,
- Recommendations considered in IMCI plans

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Youssef Tawfik and Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones assisted AFR/SD/HRD in organizing a 2-day meeting to discuss the DfID-USAID joint review of IMCI in Africa. C-IMCI was a key theme in this review. SARA also finalized and began disseminating the report during this period.

3. Facilitate the design & implementation of consultant training package for household & community IMCI

Expected Outputs:

- Consultant training package developed, field-tested & used

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones assisted WHO/Geneva to find an appropriate person to revise the consultant training package. Dr. Colette Geslin from the BASICS/WARO office spent two weeks in Geneva and a revised version of the package has been circulated. The package will be tested in West Africa in February 2002 with potential consultants/facilitators from several Francophone countries. It will also be partially utilized in the BASICS/WARO meeting on C-IMCI to be held with NGOs in Dakar in April 2002.

4. Identify & activate a role for SARA in promoting & coordinating malaria in pregnancy

Expected Outputs:

- SARA's role identified, key outputs described & achieved

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Discussions regarding the updating of the malaria and pregnancy briefing kit are on-going with AFR/SD/HRD and WHO/Roll Back Malaria. The SARA team continues to participate in the malaria working group, with SARA working to identify an appropriate dissemination strategy.

5. Promote coordination between C-IMCI & malaria community activities

Expected Outputs:

- SARA participation in regional IMCI- malaria meetings

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Suzanne Pryor-Jones and Dr. Sambe Duale, SARA Senior Research Manager and Infectious Diseases Advisor, have joined colleagues at BASICS and other CA in meetings to plan a regional meeting for NGOs on C-IMCI in West Africa scheduled for April 2002 in Dakar, Senegal.

6. Develop & field test tools to improve access & use of essential drugs at community level

Expected Outputs:

- Community tools developed & tested

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Youssef Tawfik continued to be involved in the development and testing of community tools to improve essential drug use at the community level. Preliminary research to inform the tools will be carried out by RPM+ in Zambia in January 2002.

7. Assist AFR/SD/HRD in following up on their investments in D-IMCI

Expected Outputs:

TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See #6 above. Otherwise, no activity this quarter.

8. Participate in IAWG meetings on C-IMCI & follow up on required action

Expected Outputs:

- SARA participation in IAWG meetings
- Increased use of communication for child health promoted with meetings organized & recommendations developed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones assisted with the organization of, and attended the IAWG meeting that was held at AED this quarter. Follow-up activities included meeting with UNICEF on their proposal to promote community IMCI in Francophone West Africa (submitted to CIDA).

9. Participate in WHO/AFRO, UNICEF, and/or BASICS meetings in Africa on IMCI (all components)

Expected Outputs:

- SARA participation in relevant child survival meetings in Africa

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

10. Support formative research for neonatal care seeking

Expected Outputs:

- Manual on formative research developed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Consultant Dr. Nancy Nachbar continued to develop a protocol for formative research on neonatal home practices and care-seeking behavior. WHO/AFRO has expressed interest in supporting this type of research, initially in Nigeria and DfID in Ghana. Dr. Prysor-Jones and Dr. Nachbar met with Saving Newborn Lives and the BASICS project to exchange information on research plans and Dr. Nachbar has followed up on the technical front.

11. Support the promotion of ALIVE model in selected countries

Expected Outputs:

- ALIVE model integrated into REDUCE
- ALIVE used in Africa

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Plans for the application of REDUCE/ALIVE in Africa progressed this quarter. Saving Newborn Lives indicated interest in applications in Mali, Malawi and South Africa in 2002. Technical work on integrating REDUCE and ALIVE will be undertaken during the next reporting period.

12. Facilitate the focusing of BASICS WARO on AFR/SD/HRD priorities

Expected Outputs:

- BASICS WARO work plan support AFR/SD/HRD priorities

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones maintained contact with BASICS/WARO this quarter. Topics discussed included the upcoming workshop on C-IMCI with NGOs, to be held in April 2002, the development of the consultant briefing package, use of private practitioners (also with BASICS/Senegal) and qualitative research for newborns (also BASICS/Senegal).

13. Promote linkages between IMCI & breastfeeding & immunization

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This is a new work plan activity and specific activities have not been established.

SO 19: Adoption of policies and strategies for increased sustainability, quality, efficiency and equity of health services

Technical Area: Provider Performance

1. Assist AFR/SD/HRD with issues identification, portfolio management, & evaluation

Expected Outputs:

- SARA staff organize meetings with AFR/SD/HRD staff
- Core Group meetings organized; M & E system functioning; Results packages updated; Review document produced

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Youssef Tawfik and Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones met regularly with AFR/SD/HRD staff to review core group activities.

2. Complete printing & dissemination of private practitioners paper

Expected Outputs:

- Paper on Private Practitioners printed & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The private practitioners paper was edited and finalized this quarter. It will be printed and disseminated next quarter. A dissemination strategy has been developed.

3. Translate, print & disseminate paper on private practitioners in French

Expected Outputs:

- Paper on Private Practitioners printed & disseminated in French

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

4. Disseminate Uganda's experience in involving private practitioners in IMCI

Expected Outputs:

- Uganda report on private practitioners disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This paper was produced and disseminated this quarter.

5. Assist selected countries (e.g., Uganda and possibly Mali/Senegal) in conducting situation analysis for the role of private practitioners in child survival

Expected Outputs:

- Situation analysis conducted in selected countries
- At least one private practitioner strategy developed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Youssef Tawfik visited Uganda this quarter to develop a work plan with CRHCS consultant Dr. Rosette Kesande, who is assisting the MOH and partners in developing a private practitioner strategy and interventions to implement it.

6. Collaborate with WHO/Geneva to develop & promote replication of methodology for including private practitioners in IMCI

Expected Outputs:

- Method for involving private practitioners in ICMI documented & plans developed to implement it in selected countries

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Youssef Tawfik worked with his Ugandan counterparts to develop a budget for local costs involved in initial steps of strategy and intervention development, and coordinated with WHO/Geneva to submit this budget for WHO funding.

7. Facilitate the development of a strategy to scale up IMCI, e.g. through the private sector

Expected outputs:

- Report on Uganda's experience printed & disseminated
- Document Uganda's experience in applying innovative training techniques (contracting & short course)

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Youssef Tawfik, Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones and Mr. Oscar Picazo, SARA Senior Health Care Finance and Reform Advisor, met with the World Bank to review the overall strategy for the private sector in child health prepared by SARA consultant Dr. Hugh Waters. Mr. Picazo is following up with World Bank staff to draft a short (viewpoint) paper on this issue and to develop a proposal for bank funding of country operations research activities. The Hugh Waters strategy is finalized and will be printed by the World Bank. See Health Care Financing section below, page 30, item no. 1, for further information on this paper.

In addition, SARA completed "Promoting Child Health in Developing Countries through the Private Sector," during the reporting period.

8. Facilitate the dissemination & use of COPE for child health

Expected Outputs:

- Evaluation of COPE in child health discussed & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The evaluation results are still being tabulated and have not yet been presented by EngenderHealth. WHO/AFRO again expressed interest in COPE for child health and Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones provided them with the COPE tools.

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Technical Area: **Malaria RP**

1. CORE Regional Workshop for PVOs on Malaria Prevention & Control in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided by SARA staff & consultants, workshop organized, report prepared & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Sambe Duale joined a CORE Malaria Working Group team of resource persons to plan and organize a regional NGO/PVO workshop on malaria prevention and control in Africa, November 26th - December 1st, 2001, in Nairobi, Kenya. The overall goal of the workshop was to catalyze the NGO contribution to the global Roll Back Malaria (RBM) effort to halve the world malaria burden by the year 2010.

There were more than 150 Registrants from 53 Organizations including ministries of health, NGOs, industry, donors, UNICEF, WHO/HQ in Geneva and WHO/AFRO. The agenda, presentations, posters, list of participants, etc., were all compiled on a CD-ROM and provided to the participants at the end of the workshop.

The Nairobi workshop was a step towards better-functioning partnerships among the NGOs, the commercial sector, and RBM (WHO, UNICEF, World Bank, and ministries of health). An important part of the Nairobi workshop involved discussions for future collaboration between CORE and RBM. The immediate task is for the CORE malaria group to develop a five-year strategic plan with a one-year work plan and budget and submit to USAID and the other RBM partners for further discussion and possible financial support.

In addition to the technical services of Dr. Duale, the SARA Project also sponsored four presenters and participants from Ghana, Mali and Mozambique. Dr. Duale will continue to actively engage with the CORE Malaria Working Group and other partners in facilitating the development and implementation of follow-up activities.

2. Support for the development of revised strategic directions for USAID malaria activities in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- SARA staff & consultant involved in meetings & electronic exchanges with partners

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

As part of the USAID malaria strategic planning process, selected SARA technical staff joined USAID colleagues for two working sessions this quarter. The first discussion session focused on strategies for accessing the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) for malaria programs. The second session centered on the development of a regional initiative in Africa to accelerate the revision and implementation of an effective malaria treatment policy, both for acute illness in children and during pregnancy.

3. Support for M & E of the Joint WHO/AFRO & USAID support for malaria control programs in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided by SARA staff & consultant

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Sambe Duale participated in meetings and electronic discussions with Mary Ettling of AFR/SD/HRD and other colleagues on a scope of work, approaches and a funding mechanism for an evaluation of the monitoring and evaluation system of the Roll Back Malaria (RBM) initiative. It was decided that Measure Evaluation was a better mechanism than SARA to fund this review. Dr. Duale will provide input to the RBM external evaluation as needed.

4. Technical support for malaria activities of selected African institutions & networks such as MRTC, RCQHC, ICIPE

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided by SARA staff & consultant
- Meetings & electronic exchanges organized

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

5. An ICIPE-led working group meeting to discuss training curricula for vector & environmental management for malaria control

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided by SARA staff & consultants
- Workshop organized
- Report prepared & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Sambe Duale has exchanged a few e-mails with John Githure of ICIPE and John Beier of Tulane University about how to shape this activity. Further steps will depend on consultation between ICIPE and other interested parties such as WHO/AFRO, the EHP project and the Malaria Consortium.

6. Support for initiatives on the prevention of malaria in pregnancy in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Working group meetings held
- Advocacy briefs developed & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Sambe Duale took the lead in identifying speakers and facilitating the discussions on malaria and pregnancy during the CORE-sponsored NGO Workshop held November 26 to December 1, 2001, in Nairobi, Kenya. 50 copies of the malaria and pregnancy press kit were disseminated at this workshop.

7. The 3rd MIM African Conference in Arusha, Tanzania

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided by SARA staff & consultants
- Workshop organized
- Report prepared & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Sambe Duale has obtained a number of the MIM conference announcement from the MIM Secretariat at NIH to share with partner institutions in Africa.

8. Production, dissemination of the guide to conducting formative research on care-seeking for malaria

Expected Outputs:

- Guide with protocols printed & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The document was sent out for a formal review process. Production is planned for the third quarter.

9. Provide support to ECSACON to include malaria & pregnancy in its August 2002 conference agenda

Expected Outputs:

- Attendance of African midwives and/or speakers at conference funded
- Travel of speaker on malaria & pregnancy supported
- Advocacy materials shared at meeting

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Communications with ECSACON are ongoing; discussions have also taken place to coordinate this activity with JHPIEGO/MNH, which has received AFR/SD/HRD funds to do additional dissemination. MNH may provide funding for a speaker to attend the ECSACON meeting.

10. Support CRHCS in promoting best practices in malaria & pregnancy

Expected Outputs:

- Review of member states' policies completed, discussed at Family & RH Steering Committee
- Report January 02-Sept 02 completed & repackaged
- Issue of malaria & pregnancy included as major agenda item at at least one major meeting

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This activity is expected to start mid-2002.

SO 19 : **Adoption of policies and strategies for increased sustainability, quality, efficiency and equity of health services.**

Technical Area: **Tuberculosis**

1. Implementation of the Women & TB study in Tanzania

Expected Outputs:

- Data collected & analyzed, report prepared
- Dissemination workshop organized

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Sambe Duale traveled to Dar es Salaam, December 3-7, 2001, to discuss the status of the study with Dr. Justin Nguma of HealthScope, Principal Investigator, Dr. Eliud Wandwalo of the NTLP, Co-Principal Investigator, and other interested stakeholders.

The implementation of the pilot study on TB and gender is well underway. A team of 10 research assistants was trained in September 2001. Data collection started on October 8, 2001, in all the four study sites focusing mainly on interviews with patients using the patient questionnaire, while data collection from the laboratory and health facilities use the laboratory and health facility instruments respectively. A total of 267 patient questionnaires out of the target of 400 patients have been completed. The intended target of getting 100 patients in each site over a period of 3 months has been hard to reach in the rural study sites.

The study team has yet to initiate the focus group discussions with patients, health workers and community representatives on factors affecting women's access to TB diagnosis and treatment services. The team was to initiate focus group discussions, data entry and analysis during the week starting December 17, 2001. It is expected that the preliminary report of findings will be available by mid-February 2002.

2. Support for the working group meeting on linking TB & HIV programs

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided by SARA staff & consultants

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Sambe Duale participated in a number of conference call meetings with colleagues at USAID, WHO/HQ, WHO/AFRO and CDC to plan a workshop to be held February 11-15, 2002, in Nairobi, Kenya, to develop collaborative HIV/AIDS and TB program activities in selected countries in Eastern and Southern Africa (e.g., Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia). The overall objective of the workshop is to strengthen the capacity of participating countries to effectively manage the dual TB and HIV/AIDS epidemics.

SARA will make arrangements to support the participation of Dr. Duale and 7 African program managers from Malawi, South Africa and Uganda at the workshop.

3. Organize information sharing on the implementation of TB control programs in African settings at the African TB conference in South Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Information-sharing activities planned & organized.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

SO 19 : **Adoption of policies and strategies for increased sustainability, quality, efficiency and equity of health services.**

Technical Area: **Infectious Diseases**

1. . Technical support for the joint WHO/AFRO, CDC & USAID support for integrated disease surveillance systems in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Technical assistance from SARA staff & consultant provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Sambe Duale and Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones assisted AFR/SD/HRD in reviewing the current EPI in Africa and identify priority directions. SARA assisted in the organization of a meeting on integrated disease surveillance and Dr. Prysor-Jones facilitated.

In addition, Dr. Sambe Duale and Suzanne McLees, SARA consultant, conduct telephone conversations and electronic exchanges with colleagues from WHO/AFRO and CDC to document lessons learned to date in the implementation of IDS strategy.

2. Technical support to AFR/SD/HRD on Epidemic Preparedness & Response, & Transition Initiatives

Expected Outputs:

- Review meetings held
- TA provided to update this area

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

3. Support to WHO/AFRO in integrated surveillance activities

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

4. Documentation of Kay study on laboratory strengthening

Expected Outputs:

- Lab strengthening work documented & dissemination

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA received a copy of Dr. Brad Kay's report on his two-year assignment with WHO/AFRO as a Senior Advisor for laboratory strengthening in support of integrated disease surveillance. The review and repackaging of lessons to be learned from the report will be discussed with AFR/SD/HRD, WHO/AFRO and CDC.

5. Finalize, print, & disseminate Laboratory manual in French

Expected Outputs:

- Assistance provided
- Document produced & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The laboratory manual underwent a rigorous review process. This quarter, the draft was finalized. SARA staff collaborated closely with CDC and WHO to get the graphics and tables for the final layout. SARA's dissemination specialist worked closely with WHO/AFRO and AFR/SD/HRD to formulate a dissemination strategy. The manual will be printed in the next quarter.

SO 19: Adoption of policies and strategies for increased sustainability, quality, efficiency and equity of health services

Technical Area: Nutrition

Support to AFR/SD/HRD	
1. Assist AFR/SD/HRD SO 19 team in <u>managing</u> the Nutrition Technical Area (including MTCT/nutrition issues)	
<i>Expected Outputs:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Core team meetings held• SO 19 portfolio reviews conducted• Performance monitoring plan drafted• Peer reviews organized• Expert advice provided	
<i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i>	
No activity this quarter.	
2. Provide <u>technical support</u> to AFR Core Groups, G-PHN, & CA partners on nutrition issues in Africa	
<i>Expected Outputs:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meetings attended• Expert advice/input provided	
<i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i>	
A technical presentation on nutrition for women living with HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa was given at a nutrition seminar hosted by USAID for over 60 people from various collaborating agencies and NGOs. The presentation was well received and generated a lot of discussion around the challenges to nutrition care and support in Sub-Saharan Africa in particular: 1) limited availability and access to VCT; and 2) limited access to food, a major challenge facing many people living with HIV/AIDS in Africa.	

3. Continuous issues identification & preparation of research & analysis to support nutrition in Africa

- **Nutrition of women & children in Africa**
- **Expanding programs to improve complementary feeding**
- **Nutrition for HIV infected women during pregnancy & lactation**
- **Nutrition for HIV+ children**
- **Anemia & infectious diseases**

Expected Outputs:

- Issues papers drafted
- Issues papers reviewed by experts
- Issues papers produced & disseminated
- Issues papers translated to French
- Posters or oral presentations developed
- Consultative meetings organized
- Workshops / conferences with dissemination component attended

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA, in collaboration with LINKAGES, prepared and presented a paper on “Promotion and Advocacy of Complementary Feeding: Can we apply lessons from breastfeeding?” The paper will be finalized in January 2002 for dissemination.

4. Evaluate the impact of AFR/SD/HRD nutrition investments & disseminate results

- **SANA evaluation**
- **PROFILES evaluation**
- **Prepare concept paper for new directions with PROFILES/advocacy for nutrition**

Expected Outputs:

- SANA evaluation report completed
- PROFILES evaluation report completed
- Conferences/workshops attended where results are presented & discussed
- Concept paper prepared

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The final draft of the SANA evaluation was completed and circulated for comments and feedback. A finalized report is due February 2002

The PROFILES evaluation is in progress, with the final report due March 2002.

Support to African Institutions

1. Strengthen African partners' capacity for:

- Nutrition policy analysis & advocacy
- PRSP & nutrition
- Use of AFR-supported nutrition tools/materials in NGO & pre-service settings
- Nutrition, MTCT, & HIV/AIDS

Expected Outputs:

- Regional training workshops conducted on nutrition advocacy, PRSP, use of nutrition tools, HIV
- Follow-up assistance provided for implementation of new approaches
- Information shared during regional meetings

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA/SANA provided technical support to CRHCS for the REDSO-funded regional workshop on the use of PROFILES for nutrition policy analysis and advocacy this quarter. The workshop was held in Malawi for participants from Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mauritius and Seychelles. SANA East and Southern Africa Field Advisor Debbie Gachuhi facilitated the sessions pertaining to advocacy.

SARA/SANA also participated in the REDSO-funded regional workshop on Developing Guidelines for Nutritional Care and Support for People Living with HIV/AIDS held in Jinja. SANA Nutritionist Dorcas Lwanga helped to facilitate the meeting, presenting data on nutrition for women and children with HIV/AIDS.

2. Monitoring of existing agreements with African institutions & networks

Expected Outputs:

- Expert advice/input provided
- Monitoring visits conducted

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

3. Dissemination of promising practices in Africa through regional networks

- **WAHO focal points**
- **CRHCS nutrition network**
- **Other HIV networks**

Expected Outputs:

- Regional dissemination meetings organized with SARA assistance
- Promising practices documented & disseminated through presentations, case study, other media

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA provided technical assistance to the international organizing committee to plan the meeting agenda and also wrote a technical paper on nutrition for women living with HIV/AIDS in West Africa. SANA also prepared a paper on Nutrition for Women during Pregnancy and Lactation. These papers were presented and disseminated at the WAHO focal points meeting in Accra, Ghana, in the meeting's technical update. The technical update theme for the meeting was Women and Adolescent Nutrition.

4. Dissemination of new advocacy materials for nutrition

- **West Africa Nutrition Briefs**
- **Nutrition of women & children in Africa**

Expected Outputs:

- Briefs produced, translated, disseminated
- Situation assessment produced, repackaged for regional use

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The nutrition and HIV/AIDS Nutrition Brief revised for West Africa was completed and translated into French. The Brief was disseminated as part of the package of documents for the technical update at the WAHO nutrition focal points meeting in Accra, Ghana.

Adaptation of the other Nutrition Briefs in the series for West Africa is in progress and should be finalized and translated by end February 2002.

SO 19: Adoption of Policies and Strategies for Increased sustainability, Quality, Efficiency, and Equity of Health Services

Technical Area: Maternal Health/Essential Obstetrical Care (EOC)

1. Work with African Institutions to expand REDUCE/ALIVE initiative in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Model introduced
- Follow-up/capacity building completed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This activity is on-going. This quarter, emphasis was placed on planning for 2002 calendar year activities and on development of a strategy to collect process indicators for REDUCE. A REDUCE workshop took place in Nigeria (funded by WHO), but SARA team members provided comments on the PowerPoint presentation, script and other products that resulted. Discussions also continue with CEFOREP to encourage its involvement in the initiative, with its taking leadership in the country adaptation in Mauritania, and CRHCS will undertake a monitoring visit to Uganda in the 2nd quarter.

2. Assist CEFOREP & SAGO to monitor its EOC resolutions from 1998 & to input these into ongoing work

Expected Outputs:

- Plans developed for policy monitoring
- Report on progress made in implementing policy resolutions in member states

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Due to staff changes at CEFOREP, no activity took place on this during the reporting period.

3. Continue to provide support to ACNM meta-analysis project

Expected Outputs:

- Analysis completed & dissemination strategy developed
- One-day workshop to develop follow-on plans discussed.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Preliminary results of the meta-analysis have been received and were presented at the APHA meeting in October. ACNM received a no-cost extension to complete the analysis. ACNM has provided abstracts based on the analysis to the following conferences: the International Confederation of Midwives and the Society for Applied Anthropology.

4. Support dissemination & regional training on curriculum & standards & guidelines for EOC clinical practice in West Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Regional meeting held to disseminate new guidelines

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This activity is scheduled for the 3rd quarter of the fiscal year. Planning is underway. The meeting will take place in Cotonou in September 2002, and a regional committee of key stakeholders in pre-service training will meet in May to set the agenda for the meeting.

5. Support Commonwealth Regional Health Community Secretariat (CRHCS) to undertake review of safe motherhood models & present findings at appropriate meetings

Expected Outputs:

- Review undertaken by CRHCS
- Findings repackaged & presented at at least one regional meeting

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Terms of reference for the consultancy were prepared by CRHCS and reviewed by SARA. An advertisement for a consultant was placed in regional papers and circulated among member states. Recruitment of the consultant is expected next quarter, and this activity will be discussed at the upcoming RH Program Steering Committee Meeting.

SO 19: Adoption of Policies and Strategies for Increased sustainability, Quality, Efficiency, and Equity of Health Services

Technical Area: Health Care Finance & Reform

General – Cross-Cutting	
1. Issues paper on the Health Sector Human Resource (HR)/work force Crisis in Africa	
<i>Expected Outputs:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paper finalized, produced, disseminated	
<i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i>	
<p>This paper has been finalized as a draft. It was disseminated in a meeting at USAID in December 2001 and will be presented at an Africa conference on human resources organized by the WHO/World Bank in Addis Ababa January 29 - February 1, 2002.</p>	
2. Participate in the USAID's Human Resource Task Force	
<i>Expected Outputs:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completed action plan on how to address HR issues in USAID programs	
<i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i>	
<p>A meeting is still to be organized based on the results of the Addis Ababa meeting.</p>	
3. Draft paper on the Role of USAID in Sector-Wide Approaches (SWAp) & Health Sector Reform (HSR)	
<i>Expected Outputs:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paper finalized, presented, & reviewed• Follow-on work determined	
<i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i>	
<p>A detailed outline has been prepared jointly by Oscar Picazo and Nancy Godfrey, and has been reviewed by Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones.</p>	

4. Provide technical support to AFR/SD/HRD & field missions on aspects related to HSR, including the Highly Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Key information & updates provided to AFR/SD/HRD & field missions on HSR
- Peer reviews provided to consultant reports

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Oscar Picazo, Dr. Stephen Kinoti, SARA HIV/AIDS Advisor, and William McGreevey of the POLICY Project met with Agnes Soucat of the World Bank's HIPC/PRSP Unit in December 2001. A planned follow-on meeting in early January 2002 with Dr. Agnes Soucat is planned.

5. Provide technical support to AFR/SD/HRD, cooperating agencies, governments & other donors on National Health Accounts

Expected Outputs:

- AFR/SD/HRD planning meetings held
- NHA work plans reviewed
- Dissemination meetings attended

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Based on the final draft of the NHA of East and Southern African countries, Oscar Picazo prepared a short paper on the policy implications of the results. A meeting was subsequently held at AFR/SD/HRD in November 2001. Oscar Picazo and Ibrahim Shehata also planned for a meeting on NHA at the World Bank in January 2002. Agnes Soucat has indicated World Bank interest in co-funding NHA activities in West African countries.

6. Define health care financing follow-up activities to September 1999 conference on RH health care reform

Expected Outputs:

- To be determined in consultation with AFR/SD/HRD & CAs

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter. Outputs still to be determined.

7. Define health reform, health financing & health economics analytical & training activities that can be supported through CESAG

Expected Outputs:

- TBD in consultation with AFR/SD/HRD, CESAG & CAs

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones and Oscar Picazo touched base with Gilles Desault of the World Bank Institute for the possibility of a joint SARA/World Bank mission to West Africa to assess the needs of CESAG sometime in mid-2002. Subsequently, a meeting was also held with Joe Dwyer, director of MSH's Management and Leadership (M&L) Project, on the project's interest in CESAG capacity building activities. A joint SARA/ M&L/World Bank mission is thus being planned sometime in April 2002.

8. Assist AFR/SD/HRD Team as needed in managing the SO & IRs pertaining to sustainability & health financing policies & programs: cost sharing & user fees, Bamako Initiatives & other community financing schemes, government budgeting & expenditure management, fiscal decentralization, & related topics

Expected Outputs:

- Key information & updates provided to AFR/SD/HRD, field missions, & cooperating agencies
- Peer reviews provided to consultant reports
- Dissemination meetings organized & attended

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Oscar Picazo met with Ok Pannenburg and Jean Rutabanzibwa to plan for a series of technical seminars on community health financing. The first seminar, using studies undertaken by the PHR Project, is scheduled for February 2002.

Health Sector Reform & Health Care Financing Support to SO 19

1. Supervise completion of Hugh Water's paper on Working with the Private Sector on Child Health

Expected Outputs:

- Paper reviewed, finalized, produced, & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Waters presented his paper to the World Bank. The SARA Project and World Bank staff provided comments to the paper, which is being finalized. Mr. Oscar Picazo is also assisting in writing a proposal to request additional World Bank funds to cover, among other things, the drafting of a short "Private Sector Note" summarizing the results of Dr. Waters' review.

2. Complete “Viewpoint” advocacy article on the role of the private sector in child health

Expected Outputs:

- Paper completed, reviewed, finalized, & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See Provider Performance section above, page 12, item no. 7. A draft article is being prepared and is due to be submitted to selected AFR/SD/HRD, USAID CAs and World Bank staff for comments in January 2002.

3. Participate in Inter-Agency Working Group on Child Health

Expected Outputs:

- Working group meetings held

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Oscar Picazo is assisting in writing a proposal to request additional World Bank funds to cover, among other things, additional work for the Inter-Agency Working Group on Child Health. The World Bank proposal passed the initial screening by World Bank management in December 2001.

4. Supervise the drafting of Country Assessment Guideline for Private Sector Participation in Child Health

Expected Outputs:

- Country Assessment Guideline completed & reviewed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

To be done under the World Bank research proposal.

5. Supervise the drafting of Implementation Guidelines on Child Health

Expected Outputs:

- Implementation Guidelines completed & reviewed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

To be done under the World Bank research proposal.

6. Draft concept notes/issues papers on the use of (a) franchising, & (b) vouchers for child health services

Expected Outputs:

- Paper completed, reviewed, finalized & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Initial Internet-based research and data gathering is being done by Oscar Picazo using various search engines (Google, Lycos, etc.) The search as of end-December 2001 yielded around 20 social franchises in health and four voucher programs (two in education, two in health) in developing countries.

7. Work with BASICS II for the documentation of resources flows to child health at national & district levels in two African countries

Expected Outputs:

- Scope of work completed, finalized & reviewed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter. Unclear whether SARA will proceed with this activity.

8. Work with BASICS II for the mapping of key decision points & actors in the policy formulation, planning, budgeting & implementation of child health services, especially EPI

Expected Outputs:

- Scope of work completed, finalized & reviewed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter. Unclear whether SARA will proceed with this activity.

9. Provide technical support as needed to AFR/SD/HRD & African institutions on aspects related to the costing, financing, cost-effectiveness & sustainability of child health programs

Expected Outputs:

- Key information & updates provided to AFR/SD/HRD, African institutions, & cooperating agencies
- Peer reviews provided to consultant reports
- Dissemination meetings organized & attended

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

Health Sector Reform & Health Care Financing Support to SO 20

1. Provide technical support to the planning & implementation of FP in hard-hit HIV/AIDS countries under the POLICY Project

Expected Outputs:

- Key information provided to AFR/SD/HRD & cooperating agencies
- Core team meetings held

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter. Unclear whether SARA will proceed with this activity.

2. Provide technical support as needed to AFR/SD/HRD & African institutions on aspects related to costing, financing, cost-effectiveness, & sustainability of FP, reproductive health, & maternal health/safe motherhood programs

Expected Outputs:

- Key information & updates provided to AFR/SD/HRD, field missions & cooperating agencies
- Peer reviews provided to consultant reports
- Dissemination meetings attended

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Oscar Picazo presented a slide presentation to BASICS II senior management on current health financing issues and initiatives impacting on child health delivery in November 2001.

SO 19: Adoption of Policies and Strategies for Increased sustainability, Quality, Efficiency, and Equity of Health Services

Technical Area: Expanded Program of Immunization (EPI)

1. Assist AFR/SD/HRD SO 19 EPI team in managing the EPI agenda, especially human resources/capacity development

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Sambe Duale and Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones assisted AFR/SD/HRD in reviewing the current EPI in Africa and identifying priority directions. Selected SARA technical staff joined USAID and BASICS colleagues for two working sessions this quarter to discuss strategic directions for EPI programs in Africa, especially routine immunization programs. The two sessions were facilitated by Dr. Prysor-Jones. Mary Harvey of AFR/SD/HRD will provide SARA with guidance on next steps.

2. Publication & dissemination of:

- **Lessons Learned paper on grant to UNICEF & WHO for 4 countries. (Youssef)**
- **Advocacy activities for EPI using African institutions (e.g. CRHCS or others)**

Expected Outputs:

- Publications produced & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

3. Work with BASICS II for the documentation of resources flows to child health at national & district levels in two African countries

Expected Outputs:

- Scope of work completed, finalized & reviewed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter. Unclear whether SARA will proceed with this activity.

4. Work with BASICS II for the mapping of key decision points & actors in the policy formulation, planning, budgeting & implementation of child health services, especially EPI

Expected Outputs:

- Scope of work completed, finalized & reviewed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter. Unclear whether SARA will proceed with this activity.

5. Provide technical support as needed to AFR/SD/HRD & African institutions on aspects related to the costing, financing, cost-effectiveness, & sustainability of child health programs

Expected Outputs:

- Key information & updates provided to AFR/SD/HRD, African institutions, & cooperating agencies
- Peer reviews provided to consultant reports
- Dissemination meetings organized & attended

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Oscar Picazo provided detailed comments on Dr. Hugh Water's paper on the private sector role in child health. See above, Provider Performance section, item no. 7, p. 12; and Health Care Financing section, HSR & HCF for SO 19, item no. 1, p. 30.

SO 20: Policies and strategies for increased sustainability and quality of reproductive health services adopted

Technical Area: General – Related to overall SO

<p>1. Assist AFR/SD/HRD SO 20 team with managing the RH results packages</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Core team meetings• Results packages completed & periodically updated• R4 completed annually• Strategic support & guidance <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>The SARA team continues to participate in this ongoing activity. Core team meetings are normally held every other week. Caroline Blair, the SARA Reproductive Health Advisor, drafts meeting minutes, and the SARA team provides required support.</p>
<p>2. Participate in updating of PMP</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PMP revised taking portfolio review report into consideration <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>AFR/SD/HRD is taking lead on this activity. Once the draft PMP is provided, the SARA team will review it.</p>
<p>3. Assist AFR/SD/HRD with evaluating, tracking, & monitoring performance & results</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simple data collection tables developed & applied <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>No activity this quarter.</p>

4. Continue developing linkages with REDSO, WARP, FHA & SFPS

Expected Outputs:

- At least two activities jointly organized or co-funded with SFPS; could include translation, repackaging of topical information, organization of meetings, etc.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The CTO letter was developed for SARA to assist SFPS/FHA to catalogue all materials and tools developed by both the SARA Project and SFPS over the last few years. A plan and budget were finalized in this quarter, and activities are set to begin in the next quarter. Funding constraints have required that SFPS be asked to co-fund the activity. Discussions to secure this co-funding are ongoing.

5. Publish & disseminate portfolio review report

Expected Outputs:

- Report published & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The report was fully reviewed by AFR/SD/HRD during the quarter and dissemination plans were drawn up. SARA provided final review and copy-editing. The report will be finalized and disseminated during the 2nd quarter. It will be sent to all those who participated in the portfolio review, as well as African missions. The literature review will be sent electronically to the Reproductive Health mailing list, and will be available upon request.

6. Finalize & publish annotated bibliography of best practices prepared as part of portfolio review

Expected Outputs:

- Annotated bibliography finalized, published, posted on AFR/SD/HRD web site & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The annotated bibliography has been edited and laid out. Discussions between PRB and SARA on cover design took place. PRB (Rhonda Smith) expected to complete the introduction during the 2nd quarter, at which time the bibliography will be finalized and distributed.

SO 20: Policies and strategies for increased sustainability and quality of reproductive health services adopted

Technical Area: Addressing the reproductive health (RH) needs of underserved populations (Male Involvement & ARH)

1. Provide technical assistance & support to RESAR in the finalization & publication of a multi-country study on *male involvement in RH*. Identify opportunities for dissemination

Expected Outputs:

- Final study report prepared & repackaged
- Dissemination plan developed & implemented

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This activity is on-going, although progress has been slower than expected. The consultant has completed the literature review, a reference list, and has edited and prepared an executive summary for one of the four country case studies. Since the literature reviews and reference list will be used for all four country studies, the pace of implementation is expected to pick up during the second quarter.

2. Support EngenderHealth to evaluate the Guinea male involvement program

Expected Outputs:

- Strategic support to EngenderHealth
- Repackaging & dissemination of lessons learned

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Activities are scheduled to begin in the third quarter.

3. Participate/help coordinate media activities related to CAN 2002

Expected Outputs:

- West African media coverage of male involvement in RH aspect of CAN 2002 football tournament in Mali

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

A proposal for this activity was discussed and reviewed in conjunction with the SO 20 core group. It was decided not to proceed with AFR/SD/HRD or SARA funding for the proposal.

4. Provide support to Youth-net in development & implementation of SOW for AFR/SD/HRD contribution

Expected Outputs:

- SOW developed & activity started

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter. The Youth-net project was awarded during this quarter, so discussions can commence during the second quarter.

5. Promote media coverage of male involvement issues

Expected Outputs:

- Hold media workshop on male involvement theme

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Due to events of September 11, 2001, the first women's media workshop was postponed until April 2002. At that time, the network's interest in this topic can be assessed.

SO 20: Policies and strategies for increased sustainability and quality of reproductive health services adopted

Technical Area: Reproductive health policies / strategies promotion: Strategies to strengthen African regional capacity

1. Support CERPOD to update information on adolescent RH in the region by conducting an in-depth analysis of new DHS data from the region

Expected Outputs:

- Up-to-date information available on ARH in at least four CERPOD member countries where new DHS & other data is involved
- Wall chart or brochure presenting this new information in an accessible way developed
- Development of dissemination supported

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Recruitment of consultants to support this activity has begun. Once in place, these consultants will begin work on this activity. A monitoring visit for this and other CERPOD activities is planned for the 2nd quarter.

2. Support CERPOD to design & conduct a course on qualitative research techniques targeted to RH professionals in Francophone Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Curriculum, marketing plan for recruiting participants, training reports, including training evaluation, drafted

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This activity will be co-funded by the London School of Tropical Hygiene, which, during this quarter has started curriculum development work with CERPOD. The first course is scheduled for November 2002.

3. Continue to support selected African Institutions such as RESAR & link them with WARP/FHA & other projects & organizations

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This activity is ongoing. SARA is working with SFPS to catalogue materials and tools. Once the RESAR studies are completed in draft, a dissemination strategy will be developed. The UNFPA regional IEC training center in Abidjan has recently been put in touch with CERPOD to explore possible collaboration.

4. Share tools developed by SARA & SFPS

Expected Outputs:

- Brochure in English & French, searchable CD-ROM, developed
- Information posted to AFR/SD/HRD & SFPS websites

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See SO 20 General section, item no. 4 above.

5. PAC regional workshop to take stock of ongoing work & to assist West African countries to plan for PAC activities including behavioral & community mobilization issues

Expected Outputs:

- Initiative launched at Conference
- Action plans developed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Caroline Blair has taken part in all the DC-based planning activities, including work with Advance Africa to plan a follow-on session for “Partage” members. This includes review of the planned agenda and suggestions for a media plan. SARA also provided CEFOREP, the host institution, with support for this role during this quarter. SARA, through sub-contractor JHPIEGO, also participated in two Dakar-based meetings. The PAC meeting will take place March 4-7. Ms. Blair also mobilized additional funds for the initiative through Measure Communication, which had not previously been involved with the conference or initiative, but which will now support selected journalists from the region to attend the conference and will provide a press briefing to encourage accurate reporting on the issue.

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Technical Area: Women's empowerment

1. Support the establishment of an East & South African women's media network hosted by S. African media org. in collaboration Measure Communication

Expected Outputs:

- Seminars completed
- Print articles & broadcast programs produced
- Changes in media strategies documented

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The initial workshop was postponed from October 2001 until April 2002 due to the events of September 11. However, network members have been chosen in conjunction with USAID missions in Zambia, South Africa, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania and Malawi. Logistical arrangements, including identification of facilitators and speakers, and booking of a venue have taken place.

2. Continue to support expansion of REDUCE initiative

Expected Outputs:

- Regional sharing of the tool, capacity-building, Africa follow up
- E-notes, fact sheets, presentations given to promote initiative

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

An e-note went out this quarter, and an information brochure has been produced and continues to be distributed. WHO funded a REDUCE application in Nigeria this quarter and discussions are underway to develop a unified monitoring system and tool to follow up.

3. Support discussion of emergency contraception in RH

Expected Outputs:

- Issue discussed by African partners & included on agenda of at least one partner meeting

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter, but this issue has been identified as a possible subject for additional analysis with FHI.

4. Explore possible support to FGC initiatives

Expected Outputs:

- Will depend on activities defined

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The new FGC Advisor assumed his post this quarter, and SARA has assisted in his orientation. A scope of work for FGC work is expected during the second quarter.

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Technical Area: Effective Strategies for Integrating HIV/AIDS and FP

1. Support technical meetings of West African experts, program managers and policy-makers on topical and emerging issues in RH, including HIV/AIDS

Expected Outputs:

- Major regional meeting on best practices in integration, dual protection, etc.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA will provide strategic guidance on a dual protection meeting in West Africa in June 2002.

2. Provide support to WARP/FHA/REDSO on RH activities

Expected Outputs:

- Will depend on AFR/SD/HRD & FHA requests

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Other than the materials and tool activities mentioned in previous items, no activity this quarter.

3. Francophone Quality of Care TA as needed from MAQ meeting

Expected Outputs:

- Technical assistance provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA took part in Francophone MAQ support meeting.

4. Support for PPT studies

Expected Outputs:

- One-page briefs from the PSI documents produced & included in next version of RH Briefing packet

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

A one-page brief, both in French and English, was finalized and included in the Reproductive Health portfolio packet.

Consequently, this output has been met in this quarter and this activity is now completed.

5. Provide support & guidance on need for continued population /RH programs

Expected Outputs:

- Issues papers/case studies by Advance Africa; discussion of these issues by African partners & in African Region

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Several consultations were held with Advance Africa. Caroline Blair worked closely with the AFR/SD/HRD Research Assistant and provided background information (from PRB and other sources) demonstrating Africa's growing share of world population, continued rapid population growth, and a need for continued population assistance despite the HIV/AIDS epidemic. This information was incorporated into a major presentation and analysis prepared by AFR/SD/HRD that resulted in additional funds being made available for population activities.

6. Provide support & guidance on need for continued population /RH programs

Expected Outputs:

- Provide strategic guidance on issues papers/case studies
- Policy II will do; provide review to fact sheets

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Caroline Blair took part in two meetings at which the SOW for this activity was developed and discussed.

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Technical Area: Dissemination & Advocacy

1. Guidance given to CA partners on dissemination & advocacy as related to documentation of projects, etc.

- **SFPS pamphlet**
- **MNH resource package**

Expected Outputs:

- Guidance provided as needed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA staff met with, and continues to provide MNH with technical assistance on the dissemination of their documentation. SARA staff translated a brief on maternal and neo-natal health into French, and has included that in the Reproductive Health briefing packet. SARA staff also provided guidance to SFPS in developing a jointly funded SARA/SFPS activity to catalog and dissemination materials and tools.

SO 21: Adoption of Cost-effective Strategies to Prevent and Mitigate the Impact of HIV/AIDS

Technical Area: **Enhanced Coordination of partners to support HIV/AIDS programs in Africa**

1. Assist AFR/SD/HRD Team, as needed, in managing the HIV/AIDS Results package

Expected Outputs:

- Core team meetings held
- SO 21 portfolio reviews organized.
- Performance monitoring plan drafted
- Peer reviews organized & expert advice provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Stephen Kinoti and Renuka Bery, SARA Dissemination and Advocacy Manager, regularly participate in the weekly AIDS team meetings unless they are determined to be internal.

2. Chair meetings of the USAID Health Sector HIV/AIDS Group

Expected Outputs:

- Minutes of meetings
- SOW for the assessment of the Impact of HIV/AIDS on Human Resources in the Health Sector.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

During this quarter, the Health Sector HIV/AIDS Group did not meet, but electronic communication was maintained with members, the CRHCS and University of Natal in an effort to identify countries in which the assessment of the impact of HIV/AIDS on the health system would be undertaken.

3. Work closely with REDSO/ESA to coordinate activities under the CRHCS/SARA sub-contract & the REDSO/CRHCS

Expected Outputs:

- Joint REDSO/SARA activity plans
- Reports from the CRHCS on implementation status

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Stephen Kinoti has been in regular contact with REDSO (Janet Hayman, Jim Sarn and Leslie Perry) to ensure that the CRHCS activities are progressing as planned, both under the SARA sub-contract and REDSO's LSGA. Dr. Kinoti is also in regular contact with CRHCS, assisting in the development of specific activities and work plans, particularly with Dr. Bannet Ndyabangi, the HIV/AIDS Coordinator.

4. Joint planning & coordination activities on HIV/AIDS initiatives in Africa (World Bank, SADC UNAIDS, WHO, LIFE, etc.)

Expected Outputs:

- SARA staff involved in meetings & electronic exchanges with partners

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Stephen Kinoti participated in the early planning for a World Bank - WHO/AFRO collaborative meeting on Strengthening Strategic Partnerships in Health and Education for Health in Africa to be held later in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

SO 21: Adoption of Cost-effective Strategies to Prevent and Mitigate the Impact of HIV/AIDS

Technical Area: African Institutions/Capacity Building

1. Facilitate Community Forum of NAP+ , SWAA & AFRICASO at ICASA in Ouaga on Regional HIV/AIDS Networks & preparation for the following year's activities

Expected Outputs:

- Presenters identified & prepared, session organized, report prepared & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The XIIth International Conference on AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Africa (ICASA) was held December 9-13, 2001, in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. Dr. Sambe Duale worked with POLICY Project colleagues to plan and organize a roundtable discussion on regional AIDS networks, including dialogue with the ICASA Organizing Committee, setting the agenda, identifying presenters and documenting the deliberations of roundtable session. The roundtable session was held on Tuesday, December 11, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. All the scheduled presenters, with the exception of NAP+ and RATN representatives who were stranded in Nairobi, participated in the session. Ron Macinnis of AFR/SD/HRD made the opening remarks and Dr. Jean Louis Lamboray of UNAIDS made the closing remarks. The presentations and summary recommendations of the roundtable will be collated and disseminated to various networks.

2. Support & coordinate activities under the CRHCS/SARA Sub-Contract as the SARA focal point person

Expected Outputs:

- Quarterly report on the implementation of the Subcontract activities reviewed by SARA, finalized & disseminated.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

CRHCS submitted a progress report that SARA reviewed and commented on. The revised report has been resubmitted to SARA. As indicated in the report of this quarter, most of the effort by the newly recruited HIV/AIDS Coordinator, Dr. Bannet Ndyabangi, was in design and development of the sub-contract activities.

In addition, Dr. Stephen Kinoti maintained monthly telephone conferences and electronic communication with the RH, Nutrition, HIV/AIDS coordinators, the Administrative Secretary, Chief Accountant and the Regional Secretary to coordinate implementation of sub-contract activities.

3. Support to the HIV/AIDS Coordinator at the CRHCS

Expected Outputs:

- Salary of the Coordinator provided
- Coordination & working trip reports

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Stephen Kinoti has been in regular contact with, and provided TA to Dr. Bannet Ndyabangi, the HIV/AIDS coordinator. Dr. Ndyabangi has been very active and productive in the short time that he has been at CRHCS. He participated in the planning meeting for the Namibia web site competition as a HIV/AIDS expert and as a partner who might be able to replicate this activity in another country.

4. Mobilization of ECSA Regional Multidisciplinary Task Force on HIV/AIDS

Expected Outputs:

- TOR for the Multi-disciplinary Task Force developed & approved
- Multi-disciplinary Task Force in ECSA constituted.
- Meeting of the MTF held & Priority Technical HIV/AIDS issues identified & activities initiated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Ndyabangi and the CRHCS Team developed the first draft of the HIV/AIDS Multi-Disciplinary Task Force in collaboration with the SARA HIV/AIDS Advisor and got it reviewed by the CRHCS advisory committee.

A plan of action to constitute the Task Force was developed to involve national AIDS control managers. This will be finalized in the next quarter.

5. Strengthen CERPOD capacity & involvement with M&E of HIV/AIDS programs in West Africa

Expected Outputs:

- HIV/AIDS point person hired by CERPOD; Action plan developed & implemented

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

CERPOD has identified potential candidates for the position of HIV/AIDS coordinator. It is hoped that one person will be hired next quarter. CERPOD and SARA have not been successful in mobilizing co-funding for the position, which would make the position more attractive to potential candidates since it could be guaranteed for longer.

6. Strategic planning meeting & collaborative activities with WAHO on HIV/AIDS & Armed Forces of ECOWAS

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided for Joint strategic planning meeting & action plan development

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Sambe Duale continued to assist WAHO colleagues to look for a mechanism for channeling the DOD LIFE Project money to WAHO. DOD Life has promised about \$112,000 to support a proposed regional meeting to develop a strategic plan for addressing HIV/AIDS in the ECOWAS Armed Forces. The Tulane University Payson Center has emerged as a mechanism that DOD might use. Tulane is in the process of developing a memorandum of understanding with WAHO and a funding contract with the DOD Life Project. It is hoped that the fund will be available for the meeting scheduled for the end of March in Bamako, Mali.

7. Support to NAP+ Secretariat & programs

Expected Outputs:

- The training & evaluation workshop for Ambassadors of Hope program & mission completed
- Ambassadors of Hope toolkit produced
- Nutritional manual "Food for people living with HIV/AIDS" produced
- The emergence of new national networks of people living with HIV/AIDS, in particular in Ghana, Botswana, Cameroon & Kenya

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

With funding now secured, they have been working actively to implement the work plan in their SARA subcontract. SARA worked closely with them to organize a session at ICASA, which was held in December.

The major activities in which NAP+ has been involved are development of the implementation plan for training of its secretariat staff and the plan for the Francophone Ambassadors of Hope. The plans have been completed.

Meanwhile, much energy has gone into streamlining the financial and contractual management capacities at its secretariat. Joseph Coblentz, SARA Operations Manager, and Dr. Stephen Kinoti have played a major role in this effort by guiding the preparation of organizational documents and commenting on plans and job descriptions.

SO 21: Adoption of Cost-effective Strategies to Prevent and Mitigate the Impact of HIV/AIDS

Technical Area: Improved Strategies & Models

1. Support development of Job-Aids for the management of Pediatric AIDS & associated illnesses in collaboration with RCQHC & the CRHCS

Expected Outputs:

- Job-Aids for the management of Pediatric AIDS & associated illnesses printed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Discussions on the phone and electronically have continued with Dr. Denis Tindyebwa of the RCQHC & the CRHCS to strengthen collaboration in this effort. The RCQHC has shared with SARA, CRHCS and REDSO proposed activities following the creation of the African Network for the Care of Children Affected by HIV/AIDS in Africa (ANECCA).

The goal of ANNECA is improved quality of care for children affected by HIV/AIDS through training, development and review of clinical care guidelines and standards, advocacy for research, and facilitating information exchange.

The ANECCA has been working to develop implementation plans for the following activities:

- Collate information on existing resources for care of children.
- Develop and compile a resource database on individuals working in various areas of care for children, and their specific areas of interest.
- Develop an annotated bibliography on some key clinical areas, e.g., chronic lung disease on pediatric care through establishing working groups in the various areas.
- Identify weaknesses and gaps in existing guidelines on pediatric care.
- Collate a list of current research on clinical issues.
- Facilitate exchange (e-mail, conference calls, etc., to share information on guidelines which work well, guidelines which have been validated (or have not been).
- Hold a consensus workshop to develop a minimum package on pediatric HIV/AIDS care.

2. Support collection & documentation of tools & guidelines for OVC work

Expected Outputs:

- A data base of tools & guidelines developed by the CRHCS

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

CRHCS has identified key consultants in four countries (Uganda, Kenya, Zambia, Malawi) to collect this information. Contracts have been signed with two of the countries while those in the other two will be signed next quarter. Results should be available during the next quarter.

3. Policy advocacy workshop to orient CRHCS professional staff & selected country representatives in policy advocacy

Expected Outputs:

- Country reps oriented in policy advocacy
- CRHCS staff oriented in policy advocacy

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This is scheduled for next quarter; however, Dr. Stephen Kinoti has been working closely with the POLICY project to plan and organize this activity.

4. Support adaptation of Policy Monitoring tool & its use by regional networks

Expected Outputs:

- Guideline for Policy Analysis & monitoring developed, produced & disseminated
- Orientation of countries in Policy Monitoring
- Monitoring reports developed & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

During this quarter, it was agreed among CRHCS, SARA and the Policy Project that policy monitoring would be linked to the Policy Advocacy Training that is planned for the second quarter. This would obviate the need for another workshop involving the same country representatives and the CRHCS senior staff. During the Policy Advocacy workshop, policy monitoring will be reviewed and consensus on a way forward reached.

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Technical Area: Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV

1. Finalize, translate, & disseminate issues papers on:

- HIV, nutrition during pregnancy & lactation
- Nutrition for HIV+ children

Expected Outputs:

- Issues papers finalized, translated, & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA completed production of the issues paper entitled *Early Breastfeeding Cessation as an Option for Reducing Postnatal Transmission of HIV in Africa: Issues, Risks, and Challenges*. The paper, however, has not been disseminated due to controversy over this subject. It is expected that it will be solved during the next quarter.

2. Training for HIV/AIDS/PMCT in collaboration with RATN (SARA/Linkages)

Expected Outputs:

- Course content document
- Report of training activities

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Stephen Kinoti contributed to the development of the regional strategy for the training of counselors to support PMTCT linked to VCT. This led to the development of a RFP seeking to identify institutions that are going to provide the required regional and national level training in VCT and PMTCT with the emphasis on building adequate counseling capacity in the region.

3. Technical assistance on MTCT, infant feeding options, & nutrition provided to African partners & HIV/AIDS programs

- **TA to research projects (cost-share):**
 - ZVITAMBO
 - ZEBS
 - Malawi
- **TA to African Governments, WHO, UNICEF, UNAIDS, other agencies on selected issues**

Expected Outputs:

- Technical support, expert advice provided
 - a) Research protocols approved
 - b) Research results published
 - c) Technical presentations given
 - d) Technical assistance to African Governments on policy issues related to HIV/MTCT/Nutrition

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Technical assistance and expert advice were provided by SARA to WHO on technical consultation on breastfeeding at three different technical consultations at WHO:

- 1) The first consultation was on a research protocol review for a proposal to conduct a multi-center study on the use of highly active antiretroviral treatments (HAART). SARA provided technical assistance on issues related to the postnatal period, including the measurement of outcomes and practices in children.
- 2) The second consultation was on developing a policy statement on the use of nevirapine to prevent MTCT in mothers of unknown HIV serostatus. The draft statement will be released in January 2002 for review by meeting participants.
- 3) The third meeting was a technical consultation on complementary feeding. SARA, in collaboration with LINKAGES, prepared and presented one of five background papers for the consultation.

The paper was funded through the AED Center for Nutrition, SARA and WHO, and was entitled "Promotion and Advocacy of Complementary Feeding: Can We Apply Lessons from Breastfeeding?" The paper charted a way forward for wide-scale program implementation by comparing different issues, including definition and rationale for programs; policy support; funding; advocacy and leadership; private sector (industry) involvement; availability and use of monitoring data; research integrated into action; and well-articulated steps for successful implementation. The paper will be finalized in January 2002 and published in the *Food and Nutrition Bulletin*.

SARA provided technical support through chairing a working group session on infant feeding practices, which defined components of optimal complementary feeding and made recommendations to WHO on next steps related to behavioral issues.

4. Develop tools for:

- **Counseling about infant feeding options & risks (with WHO)**
- **Formative research on HIV/infant feeding issues (with WHO)**
- **Training health workers on nutrition & HIV (focus on women living with HIV/AIDS)**
- **Counseling on nutrition care & support**

Expected Outputs:

- Counseling tools drafted, discussed with WHO
- Formative research tools drafted, discussed with WHO
- PowerPoint presentations prepared, learning materials produced (with JHPIEGO/HRSA)
- Other counseling materials developed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA provided technical assistance to JHPIEGO Reproductive Health Training Program to develop nutrition Reprolearn® tutorials on “Clinical Care of Women with HIV Living in Limited-Resource Settings”. Two modules were produced: an overview of HIV/AIDS and Nutrition Recommendations for Nutrition Care and Support. PowerPoint presentations of the two modules were completed and recorded on interactive CD-ROM and are available for use in group-based courses or for individual self-paced learning. The target audiences for the tutorials are physicians, faculty and health care trainers in East and Southern Africa.

AED also finalized contracts with WHO this quarter to produce generic counseling cards for use by health workers who counsel HIV-positive women about infant feeding options. AED communications specialist Liz Thomas is working with SARA nutrition advisor Dr. Ellen Piwoz on the development of these materials. A second contract was signed by AED to produce a formative research manual for adapting recommendations on HIV and infant feeding to the local context. This manual will build on previous SARA experience in Zambia, South Africa and Zimbabwe, as well as on future work in Malawi. The final products for both contracts are expected to be available in mid-2002.

5. Improve MTCT & nutrition training in Africa

- **Review Curricula on Pre-Service Settings**
- **Provide Technical Assistance to MTCT training activities institutions**

Expected Outputs:

- Chairpersons’ workshop held

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Stephen Kinoti has been working with Dr Bannet Ndyabangi in developing detailed plans for the Chairpersons Workshop that is expected to review curricula and incorporate HIV/AIDS content into pre-service education and training for medical and allied professionals. The workshop is scheduled for the third quarter.

SO 21: Adoption of Cost-effective Strategies to Prevent and Mitigate the Impact of HIV/AIDS

Technical Area: Multi-Sectoral Initiatives

1. ECSAIDS Initiative: Helping Governments of ECSA Region Access Funds to Support HIV/AIDS & Related Health Programs: (Policy Project, MSH, SARA, CRHCS, REDSO, World Bank)

Expected Outputs:

- Joint consultations with partners & country level
- Strategy document.
- Activities & capacity to implement these activities developed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Stephen Kinoti is a member of a task force whose membership includes representatives of the Policy Project, MSH, SARA, CRHCS, REDSO and the World Bank. They have held four meetings and developed some TORs for assisting countries in SSA in the development of good proposals that can attract funds from the Global Trust Fund for HIV/AIDS and Malaria. Per current plans, this work would begin in a few selected countries and involve local African expertise supported by regional and international expertise. It is hoped that funds will be made available through one of the CAs to support the initial training and proposal development activities.

2. USAID/AFR Strategy for Private Sector involvement in HIV/AIDS activities in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- SOW for a PVO work & African businesses
- Help Manage the Purchase order or Sub-contract

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Stephen Kinoti, Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones and Dr. Sambe Duale have worked closely with Ishrat Husain and Hope Sukin to develop an activity to strengthen private sector HIV/AIDS work in Africa. A SOW was developed to engage a consultant who will develop the private sector HIV/AIDS strategy, as well as activities that will lead to both actual increased flow of funds to the local communities where these firms are working and improved workplace HIV/AIDS policies and interventions.

3. Coordinate & facilitate the activities of the Regional Health Task Team/HEARD/ABT/CRHCS/AFR/SD/HRD for strengthening Health Systems

Expected Outputs:

- Final SOW produced
- Participation in the Task Team activities in two countries in ECSA

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Stephen Kinoti and Ishrat Husain have worked tirelessly to facilitate the Regional Health Task Team formulated in the Education Model to begin work in helping countries use available data to guide the strengthening of health systems for an expanded response to the epidemic.

It has been difficult to identify and obtain commitments from countries to participate. During the quarter, the Kwazulu Natal Province of South Africa made the commitment to participate. Similarly, the Kenya USAID mission expressed an interest. These initiatives will be followed up in the next quarter.

4. Follow up on African Growth Opportunities Act (AGOA) Conference activities

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Discussions were held on holding meetings involving health and finance ministers, among other African policymakers, in FY 02 as a follow-up to the AGOA meeting to develop specific regional and national activities. This will be clarified in the coming quarter.

5. Meeting on “HIV/AIDS as a Development Crisis: Lessons Learned & Next Steps”

Expected Outputs:

- Report produced on lessons learned & next steps

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This is scheduled for next quarter. Dr. Stephen Kinoti, Renuka Bery and Ishrat Husain have been working closely with the HEARD Team to plan this activity. The meeting is scheduled for March 2002.

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Technical Area: **Monitoring of HIV/AIDS Programs**

1. Policy Development & Monitoring in ECSA: Meeting to develop training & implementation plan

Expected Outputs:

- Policy monitoring training & implementation plan developed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This activity is scheduled for the second quarter and is linked to policy advocacy training under the SARA subcontract with CRHCS.

2. Support initial country monitoring of Policies related to HIV/AIDS

Expected Outputs:

- Policy monitoring undertaken
- Status reports produced & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The actual policy monitoring is scheduled to be undertaken in the 3rd quarter and will be coordinated by the CRHCS/ECSA. Discussions with the CRHCS and the Policy Project are ongoing.

3. Participation & Co-chair in the Joint planning , development of the HIV/AIDS New Indicators' Group activities

Expected Outputs:

- Proposed Indicators for capacity building component of the New Indicators
- Training Plan for Missions staff & selected country representatives

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

4. Assessment of the Impact of HIV/AIDS on the Health system in ECSA

Expected Outputs:

- SOW developed by the CRHCS
- Adaptation of the SOW by 2 selected countries
- Assessments undertaken in 2 countries & results disseminated & advocacy plans developed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The CRHCS, in collaboration with Dr. Stephen Kinoti, has developed a scope of work that will be adapted at a meeting of selected countries in July 2002. Implementation will begin subsequently.

SO 21: Adoption of Cost-effective Strategies to Prevent and Mitigate the Impact of HIV/AIDS

Technical Area: Dissemination & Advocacy

1. Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV - Experiences & Next Steps: Report of a Workshop by Society of Women Against AIDS (SWAA)

Expected Outputs:

- Report finalized & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Stephen Kinoti and Renuka Bery provided detailed feedback on this report. It is being produced and will be disseminated next quarter.

2. The proceedings of the 8th international conference of the society of women against AIDS in Africa. Children & AIDS: Challenges & Strategies to Cope

Expected Outputs:

- Report finalized & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Stephen Kinoti and Renuka Bery provided detailed feedback on the first draft of this report. It should be finalized and produced next quarter.

3. The impact of HIV/AIDS on the Health Sector in Sub-Saharan Africa: The issue of human resources

Expected Outputs:

- Report finalized & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This report is still in draft. However, Dr. Stephen Kinoti will be presenting it at the meeting in Addis Ababa next quarter.

4. The training workshop for Ambassadors of Hope program & mission

Expected Outputs:

- Report finalized & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

NAP+ developed the implementation plans for the training of Ambassadors of Hope for the Francophone countries. The actual training is scheduled for the coming quarter.

5. The production of Nutritional manual "Food for people living with HIV/AIDS"

Expected Outputs:

- Report finalized & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

NAP+ is working on this in collaboration with regional partners.

6. The production of the Ambassadors of Hope toolkit

Expected Outputs:

- Report finalized & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This activity has been delayed to delayed release of funds from AED but plans have been developed to review the existing toolkit and update it. Meanwhile, the causes of the delay have been addressed and no such delays will occur in the future.

7. Publication & dissemination of:

- **Other Sectoral workshops**
- **Targeted dissemination of AIDS Briefs**
- **BP paper on prevention, care, & support**
- **Development of advocacy documents for MTCT (cf. nutrition)**
- **Assistance in producing HIV/AIDS success stories from field**
- **OVC & MTCT newsletters & other OVC documents**

Expected Outputs:

- Briefing packets collated
- Sectoral workshops organized

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA produced the first issue of the OVC newsletter. In addition, SARA has provided a consultant to AFR/SD/HRD to assist in developing programming guidelines. This paper is being reviewed and reworked and will probably be finalized and produced next quarter.

8. Development of Model for a Project-Based Learning Website Competition: Technical Assistance to USAID/Namibia in organizing a planning meeting for developing an HIV/AIDS website competition with secondary school students

Expected Outputs:

- Website activity started in Namibia, & explored with regional partners

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Renuka Bery, in collaboration with LearnLink, developed a scope of work, finalized the budget, and developed an agenda for the initial planning meeting scheduled for December. Ms. Bery identified and secured the participation of two partner African institutions in the planning meeting. Three participants, Dr. Bannet Ndyabangi, Mr. Adam Msilaji, and Ms. Lornah Murage, provided guidance and shared experiences in HIV/AIDS, ICT and competitions. The initial planning meeting was a success and SARA has agreed to provide some resource materials on HIV/AIDS, reproductive health and other related issues as a follow-up to this meeting. It is likely that SARA will participate in other phases of the project.

9. Development, production & dissemination of multisectoral approaches report

Expected Outputs:

- Report developed, produced & dissemination

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Renuka Bery is working with Ishrat Husain to develop a document on multisectoral approaches to HIV/AIDS. An initial draft was submitted and will be revised in the next quarter. The draft document will be discussed at a multisectoral meeting planned for March 2002.

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Technical Area: Health Sector Reform & Health Care Financing Support to SO 21

1. Provide technical support to Regional AIDS Training Network (RATN) on aspects related to human resource management, financing & sustainability

Expected Outputs:

- Technical assistance provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Stephen Kinoti reviewed the first draft of a protocol presented for support by RATN, covering capacity building for the HIV/AIDS programs in ECSA. Comments were sent back and SARA awaits the next draft.

2. Provide technical support to ECSA/CRHCS & member-countries on how they can access the Global Fund for AIDS, TB & Malaria (w/ M&L Project)

Expected Outputs:

- Technical assistance provided
- Meetings held with stakeholders

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter. SARA and AFR/SD/HRD are discussing next steps.

3. Provide technical support to African institutions & donor projects on how disbursements for HIV/AIDS projects can be improved

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter. SARA and AFR/SD/HRD are discussing next steps.

4. Participate, support, and/or supervise a study to estimate the non-drug costs of providing AIDS antiretroviral drugs in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter. It is uncertain whether SARA will undertake this activity.

5. Participate, support, and/or supervise a study to assess the cost-effectiveness of providing palliative care to people living with AIDS in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter. It is uncertain whether SARA will undertake this activity.

6. Provide technical support as needed to AFR/SD/HRD & African institutions on aspects related to costing, financing, cost-effectiveness, & sustainability of HIV/AIDS prevention, mitigation, & care programs

Expected Outputs:

- Technical assistance provided to AFR/SD/HRD, African institutions, & cooperating agencies
- Peer reviews provided to consultant reports

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter. It is uncertain whether SARA will undertake this activity.

SO: **Polio**

Technical Area: **Polio**

1. Assist AFR/SD/HRD in the implementation of their SO 24 portfolio

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See item no. 2 below.

2. Support to WHO/AFRO dissemination & communications activities

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA staff worked closely with WHO/AFRO to develop a dissemination strategy for the laboratory manual, which is due out next quarter.

SO: **Cross-cutting**

Technical Area: **Various areas – Monitoring and Evaluation Activities**

1. Technical support to AFR/SD/HRD in monitoring & evaluation activities with core groups

Expected Outputs:

- Monitoring & evaluation needs identified by core groups.
- Data Quality Assessment of AFR/SD/HRD's Population, Health, Nutrition, and Basic Education Indicators completed
- Evaluation & assessment efforts across AFR/SD/HRD portfolio supported as requested

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

AFR/SD/HRD initiated discussions with SARA on developing a SOW and identifying a consultant to assist with an assessment of AFR/SD/HRD Population, Health and Nutrition and Basic Education indicators reported in the Annual Report. The objectives of the assessment will be to:

- Verify and validate performance information to ensure that data are of reasonable quality
- Review data collection, maintenance and procedures to ensure that they are consistently applied and continue to be adequate
- Make recommendations for future assessments.

The assessment will be carried out next quarter if AFR/SD/HRD decides to go ahead with this activity.

2. a) Complete design and testing of activity database

Expected Outputs:

- Design completed
- Feedback from AFR/SD/HRD staff incorporated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

A number of complicating factors intervened during the reporting period that delayed and ultimately suspended the completion of the design. One was the ending of the Softek subcontract with AED. By the end December 2001, the subcontract was near renewal and activities were expected to resume next quarter.

2.b) Complete inputting of FY 2001 data into activity database

Expected Outputs:

- Activity data for FY 2001 entered into database

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The raw data was largely inputted but not yet tested and refined by December. Upon renewal of the Softek subcontract, this will be completed.

2.c) Train AFR/SD/HRD staff in operation and maintenance of activity database

Expected Outputs:

- AFR/SD/HRD staff trained
- Guide for operating database produced

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Felicia Few, the AFR/SD/HRD staff assistant who will be responsible for operating and maintaining the database, has continued to work closely with the Softek consultants. Formal training will begin once the Softek subcontract extension goes into effect. Once again, it is recommended that she attend formal training in database design and management.

3. Develop Impact Reviews for selected activities under SARA/SANA

Expected Outputs:

- Finalize the following:
 - Male Involvement (SO 20)
 - Integrated Nutrition Program (SO 19)
 - Early childhood care, survival, growth & development initiative (SO 20)
 - New impact review needs identified.
 - Arrow tool applied to selected activities

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No new impact review was initiated this period.

4. Finalize OIRH-PASA Impact Review

Expected Outputs:

- Impact review documents finalized, produced & disseminated.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

An edited and formatted final draft of the reports will be delivered to AFR/SD/HRD for review before finalization. AFR/SD/HRD has asked SARA to get additional information from the WHO/AFRO malaria team on CDC technical support to WHO/AFRO. Dr. Sambe Duale will work with the SARA consultant to get the additional data from WHO/AFRO colleagues to complete the report. The final report of the review will be finalized during the next quarter.

SO: Cross-cutting

Technical Area: Various areas

1. Finalization & dissemination of CERPOD self-evaluation guide

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided
- French version disseminated
- English version finalized, printed & dissemination

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Finalization and dissemination of the CERPOD self-evaluation guide took place this quarter. SARA staff worked closely with JSI partners to identify a targeted list of recipients, as well as key events for dissemination. SARA staff provided guidance on electronic distribution. To this effect, a flyer was produced and distributed electronically to over 250 people.

2. Support CESAG linkages with other institutions for dissemination & training in health management

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Suzanne Pryor-Jones held telcons with MSH and CESAG. Additionally, Joseph Dwyer met with Dr. Pryor-Jones, and Oscar Picazo will visit CESAG in early 2002. SARA staff also had discussions with the management and leadership program of MSH to see how to renew contacts between MSH and CESAG. SARA staff also met with Dr. Gilles Dussault of the World Bank Institute to discuss collaboration on proposed CESAG activities with the World Bank.

3. Follow-up of dissemination of HSR training modules

Expected Outputs:

- Networking meetings held
- Materials translated & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA staff have held several discussions with the Head of the Division of Health Services of WHO/AFRO and with a specialist at the University of Amsterdam who are involved in finalizing the modules. When completed, these modules will be used in pre-service training in health systems research in medical schools and allied institutions (e.g., nutrition, community health programs). It is expected that these modules will be finalized next quarter.

4. Strengthen selected Network of African Public Training Institutions (NAPHI) member institutions in the area of training, research & information sharing on management of disasters & CHE

Expected Outputs:

- Working group meeting organized
- Action plan developed & implemented, including plan for resource mobilization

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

5. Management & maintenance of the CERTI Website

Expected Outputs:

- Moderation & quality assurance implemented; materials posted on website
- Site maintained
- Listserv expanded to include more field people

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

An extensive listing of initiatives that produce data or reports related to conflict early warning and vulnerability including website addresses/e-mail addresses was posted on the CERTI Website this period.

6. Support for strategic planning & institutional development of WAHO

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided to WAHO

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Sambe Duale participated in conference calls and electronic discussions with WAHO, USAID/WARP and FHA/SFPS on USAID financial and technical support for the development of WAHO strategic plan. FHA/SFPS is developing a memorandum of understanding with WAHO for funding future activities.

7. Technical support for the USAID West Africa Regional Program (WARP)

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided to WARP

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA provides AFR/SD/HRD with names of potential candidates for consideration to conduct the evaluation of the FHA/SFPS project and the development of a concept paper on the health situation in West Africa.

SO: Cross-cutting

Technical Area: Dissemination and advocacy

Result ia: Capacity to Advocate

1. Train other regional African institutions in advocacy (CRHCS – health professionals and senior staff)

Expected Outputs:

- Selected African institutions trained

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

2. Provide the Advocacy Guide to groups to use it (African institutions, CAs etc.) on request

Expected Outputs:

- Advocacy Guide provided to selected groups

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

100 copies were distributed on request this quarter.

3. Follow-up on & systematically assess the advocacy training to see whether & how the participants have used their skills

Expected Outputs:

- Follow-up completed;
- Recommendations made for future

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA is discussing with RATN whether it will be able to follow up on the participants they sponsored to the CAFS advocacy training.

4. Identify & explore partnerships with existing advocacy groups (US-based & Africa-based)

Expected Outputs:

- Connections made with these groups (groups TBD)

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

Result 1b: Capacity to Disseminate Information

5. Assist CRHCS strengthen its info communication activities & staff, including providing monitoring & support to the IDCs

Expected Outputs:

- Program strengthened as needed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA sent Adam Msilaji, communications officer from CRHCS, to participate in the Namibia website competition planning meeting. We saw this both as a way he could contribute to the team, but also learn from others' experiences. We hope to work with CRHCS and FAWE to replicate this activity in one or more countries in the region.

6. Work with African institutions to build capacity in repackaging information. Possible activities include workshop, training, etc. through, e.g., CRHCS

Expected Outputs:

- Increased capacity of African institutions to repackage information

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

7. Assist African institutions in repackaging information on an as needed basis

- **CRHCS**
- **CERPOD**
- **Zambian groups**

Expected Outputs:

- Information repackaged

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA staff provided technical feedback on some repackaged materials sent by the Zambian Integrated Health Programme. Participants in the repackaging training were encouraged to send materials to Renuka Bery and Antonia Wolff, SARA Dissemination Specialist, for comment.

8. Collaborate with other USAID Projects (e.g. BASICS, Horizons, Synergy, Measure, NGO networks, MSH) to improve their dissemination on priority AFR/SD/HRD issues on request

Expected Outputs:

- Dissemination of priority issues improved for selected projects

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

9. Collaborate with other African Institutions (e.g., RATN, RESAR, CESAG, WHO/AFRO, Makerere, AMREF, HST, FAWE, NARESA, ERNESA) to improve their dissemination on priority AFR/SD/HRD issues

Expected Outputs:

- Dissemination of priority issues improved for selected institutions

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Renuka Bery commented on a proposal sent by RATN that included repackaging and dissemination activities.

10. Develop series of Dissemination Briefs to assist projects & African institutions in developing & carrying out a dissemination strategy

Expected Outputs:

- Dissemination briefs developed
- Dissemination strategy developed & implemented

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

Result ic: Capacity to Communicate Electronically

11. Link African institution personnel to e-communication opportunities

- **MOH ministers in ECSA region through CRHCS**

Expected Outputs:

- Selected personnel linked to opportunities

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Under the SARA subcontract, CRHCS organized a demonstration and hands-on practice at the health minister's meeting in Dar es Salaam in October.

12. Development of Model for a Project-Based Learning Website Competition: Technical Assistance to USAID/Namibia in organizing a planning meeting for developing an HIV/AIDS website competition with secondary school students

Expected Outputs:

- Website activity started in Namibia, & explored with regional partners

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The planning meeting was held in December. SARA sent three representatives to the meeting to give guidance and share experiences: Dr. Bannet Ndyabangi and Adam Msilaji from CRHCS, and Lornah Murage, Communications Advisor from FAWE. In the next quarter, SARA will provide a list of resources and websites to share with the schools that are visited and invited to participate in the competition.

Result iia: Materials Development and Production

13. Design and package information in appropriate formats (books, syntheses, executive summaries, e-notes, policy briefs/brochures, tools). Current documents in production include:

- **Policy manual for CRHCS**
- **Self-evaluation Manual (English and French)**
- **Manual on Qualitative Manuals (French version)**
- **Indicators, Vol. II**

Expected Outputs:

- Selected information designed and packaged

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The self-evaluation manual was produced in French. The English version should be finalized and printed in the next quarter. The Manual on Qualitative Research for Improved Health Programs was printed in French during this quarter. The reproductive health briefing packet was produced in English and a French version will be available next quarter.

14. Dissemination of key cross-cutting products as requested, e.g.:

- **Empowering Communities**
- **Qualitative Manual**

Expected Outputs:

- Products disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

A total of 3509 documents were disseminated this quarter. The following cross-cutting documents were requested as follows:

Empowering communities - 1

Using Qualitative Research to Improve Health Programs - 8

Making a Difference to Policies and Programs - 222

HIV and Nutrition - 677

Prevention of MTCT - 40

15. Assessments of use of AFR/SD/HRD-SARA products (4 documents)

- **Research Guide**
- **Malaria document**

Expected Outputs:

- Use of documents assessed & presentation given

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA staff sent out an initial survey to track the use of “Making a Difference to Policies and Programs: A Guide for Researchers.” However, due to a low rate of response, additional surveys were sent to requestors prior to 1999.

Result iib: Dissemination Channels**16. Mail documents to targeted mailing list*****Expected Outputs:***

- Documents mailed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA develops a dissemination strategy for each document and sends them to the identified audiences. In addition, all new products are described in the quarterly publications list that is sent out electronically to a targeted group.

17. Explore new opportunities to disseminate more information electronically, through e-mail, Internet, etc., especially through e-mail group

Expected Outputs:

- E-mail lists
- Fewer documents mailed
- Increased number of documents on Internet
- Increased number of hits

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This quarter, three new electronic mailing lists were developed and updated: reproductive health (212 individuals) Infectious diseases (28 individuals) and Malaria and Pregnancy (38 individuals). The Self-Evaluation Guide flyer was posted on the Reproductive Health Information Network listserv, and the malaria and pregnancy materials are posted on various CA websites, including the Multilateral Initiative on Malaria website.

18. Website maintenance + publications updates

Expected Outputs:

- Website redesigned

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Discussions were held with the ABIC webmaster to remove HHRAA from the USAID website and direct users to the AFR-SD website. Next quarter, SARA will work with the Mitchell Group, who hosts the AFR/SD/HRD site, to direct users to the SARA site for AFR/SD/HRD publications.

19. Update SARA website

Expected Outputs:

- SARA web page online

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

At the end of the quarter, SARA hired a new computer specialist, who has been updating the SARA web site. The SARA site now houses the AFR/SD/HRD publications list that will be linked to full-text versions of the document if they exist. The HHRAA site has now been taken off-line and users are directed either to the AFR/SD/HRD website or the SARA site for publications.

20. Promote information through various listservs (AFRONETS, ReproHlth, WB, AHILANet)

Expected Outputs:

- Information promoted

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

A number of publications were promoted through the AFRONETS and DRUMBEAT listservs. In addition, SARA has begun to develop sector-specific e-mail lists that target key information users in different sectors.

21. Develop an electronic conference (with some SO Team)

Expected Outputs:

- Electronic conference developed with selected team

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Renuka Bery met with Kinday Samba Ndure of the SANA project to assist her in setting up a listserv with the Nutrition Focal Points in West Africa. This should be finalized and operational in the next quarter.

22. Develop and send via e-mail quarterly announcement of AFR/SD/HRD publications/products

Expected Outputs:

- Broadcast e-mail sent quarterly

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The quarterly publications list continues to be updated and sent out electronically to over 234 individuals representing USAID missions and global staff, African partners, regional institutions and various CAs.

23. Explore new activities such as CD-ROMS and listservs. Assess whether SARA should put something together for a CD-ROM (SFPS materials, Nutrition Center AED)

Expected Outputs:

- New activities of this nature identified, including whether SARA should do CD-ROM
- AFRO-NETS-like listserv for education identified if one exists

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Plans are underway to produce a CD-ROM with SFPS and disseminate them. This is expected to occur in the third quarter.

Result iic: User Needs

24. Analyze tracking information on major SARA publications

Expected Outputs:

- Information analyzed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The database is undergoing a complete overhaul to eliminate redundancies and quirks in the system. SARA can produce tracking information as needed.

25. Develop improved ways to communicate with missions; e.g., semi-annual summary report of AFR/SD/HRD activities every 6 months, elicit mission input into how AFR/SD/HRD can help them with dissemination, communication, etc.

Expected Outputs:

- Information compiled, written and shared with missions

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

Result 3: Dissemination and Advocacy Activities Incorporated into AFR/SD/HRD SOs

26. Provide TA to all AFR/SD/HRD teams to ensure that RPs have dissemination & advocacy built into activities [RENU, ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- TA given & dissemination & advocacy activities reviewed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Renuka Bery and Antonia Wolff participate in the core team meetings to ensure that dissemination and advocacy issues are addressed for each technical area.

27. SO Team Core Group Dissemination Activities (cross-referenced)

SO18- Education

ERNWACA Transnational Study Document

Expected Outputs:

- Document produced and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 18 above.

SO19- Malaria/TB/Infectious Diseases

Production, translation, and printing of Malaria docs

Expected Outputs:

- Per Table

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 19 above.

SO 19 – Immunization**EPI reports**

Lessons learned paper on grant to UNICEF and WHO for 4 countries

Advocacy activities for EPI using African institutions (e.g., CRHCS or others)

Expected Outputs:

- Publications produced and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 19 above.

SO19- Nutrition/child survival**HIV and Breastfeeding Promotion review**

Paper on Sources and effectiveness of care for Childhood illness in Africa

Maximizing the potential of private practitioners in child survival

Expected Outputs:

- HIV and nutrition paper produced and printed
- Papers printed and disseminated. Likely co-funded with SANA and other projects.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 19 above.

SO 20-Population and Reproductive Health

Guidance given to CA partners on dissemination and advocacy as related to documentation of projects, etc.

SFPS pamphlet

MNH resource package

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 20 above.

SO 21-HIV/AIDS

Other sectoral workshops

Targeted dissemination of AIDS Briefs

BP paper on prevention, care and support

Development of advocacy documents for MTCT (cf. Nutrition)

Assistance in producing HIV/AIDS success stories from field

Dissemination from Religious Leaders conference

OVC & MTCT newsletters & other OVC documents

Expected Outputs:

- Briefing packets collated
- Sectoral workshops organized

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 21 above.

SO 24 - Polio Eradication

Continue assisting WHO/AFRO on dissemination and Advocacy

Finalize, print and disseminate:

Laboratory manual in French

Paper on health interventions in transition countries (cross-cutting area)

Expected Outputs:

- Document produced and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 24 Polio above.